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Chairman Kevin Martin Federal Communications Commission 445 12th St., SW Washington, DC 20554

Commissioner Michael Copps Federal Communications Commission 445 12th St., SW Washington, DC 20554 Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy Federal Communications Commission 445 12th St., SW Washington, DC 20554

Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein Federal Communications Commission 445 12th St., SW Washington, DC 20554

Re: MB Docket Number 05-192

Dear Chairman Martin and Commissioners Abernathy, Copps, and Adelstein:

On behalf of TV One, I write to express our strong support for the pending joint acquisition by Comcast Corporation and Time Warner Inc. of the Adelphia cable systems before the Commission. As a young network focused on providing African-American themed programming, we have a unique and extremely positive perspective on Comcast's commitment to carrying diverse programming and becoming a partner with minority communities.

Launched in January 2004, TV One is a cable and satellite television network that offers a wide range of entertainment-oriented original programming, classic series, movies, fashion, and music that focus on African-American themes, issues, cultures, and politics. TV One's business plan is to be distributed on the most widely available cable and satellite platforms in markets where African Americans represent a significant segment of the population.

TV One is living proof that Comcast is committed to serving minority audiences by offering the broadest and most diverse programming in the industry. Without Comcast's early investment and strong support of TV One, we would not be in the place we are in today. Complaints by others that Comcast has neglected minority communities clearly are not based on facts. A closer look at Comcast's record of programming diversity and hiring practices shows a company setting the standard for other companies within the cable industry to follow.

Further, Comcast is a company dedicated to ending the digital divide plaguing this country. Through several innovative and unique programs, Comcast has tackled this issue head on and made a significant difference. As of 2004, Comcast has provided free

cable TV to nearly 17,000 schools around the nation as part of the Cable in the Classroom program. Comcast has also wired 7,250 schools and 1,500 library and community centers with high speed internet service. Comcast has provided hundreds of thousands of hours of airtime for Public Service Announcements and has supported communities with limited resources to promote their achievements.

Also important for this Commission to know is the fact that this transaction will result in a multitude of public interest benefits in minority communities and non-minority communities alike. The five million Adelphia customers will directly benefit from this transaction by having more access to advanced services such as video on demand, HDTV, and faster broadband. Future benefits will result from the joint commitment by Time Warner and Comcast to spend \$800 million to upgrade the Adelphia cable system which had grown outdated.

Comcast clearly demonstrated its commitment to serve minority audiences by its early and strong support for TV One. I have the highest regard for the integrity and commitment of Comcast and its management team for making such an early investment in minority programming. I urge the Commission to approve these transactions and to reject calls for conditions based on the unsubstantiated statements regarding Comcast's lack of commitment to serve minority communities.

Thank you for your consideration of such an important matter.

Sincerely,

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